

Region K News

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Public can comment on water demand projections

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The Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) is taking public comment on its draft proposed non-municipal water demand projections for 2020 to 2070.

Region K is one of 16 regional water planning groups established by the Texas Water Development Board to help develop and revise a comprehensive water plan for Texas.

Region K is comprised of all or parts of 14 counties, stretching from Mills County in the Hill Country southeast to the Gulf Coast. Counties include San Saba, Burnet, Llano, Mills, Blanco, Gillespie, Hays (partial), Williamson (partial), Travis, Bastrop, Fayette, Wharton (partial), Colorado, and Matagorda. Most of the region lies in the Colorado River Basin. Cities in the region include Austin, Bastrop, Burnet, Marble Falls, Bay City, Wharton, Pflugerville, Fredericksburg and others. Region K's members represent various interest categories specified in Senate Bill 1 (1997) to help develop this region's long-term water plan.

The draft proposed demand projections are for the "non-municipal" category of demands, which includes: agricultural/irrigation, manufacturing, mining, steam-electric and livestock. To review the draft proposed demand projections for each of these sub-categories please visit regionk.org. The draft projections, once finalized by Region K and approved by the Texas Water Development Board, will be used, along with municipal demands (to be proposed for consideration later this fall), in a regional plan that is scheduled to be completed by 2016 and incorporated into the 2017 state water plan.

Comments can be sent to Comments@RegionK.org or by mail to LCRA – Attn: Region K, Mailstop L200, P.O. Box 220, Austin TX, 78767-0220. Please include any pertinent backup data or material with any proposed comments. Comments on the draft proposed non-municipal demand projections are due by Sept. 14. The full regional planning group will consider these draft proposed projections at its Oct. 10 meeting.